



Alfred J. Murphy, Jr.
Legion Post 162, Hillsdale

PARADE GRAND MARSHAL ALFRED J. MURPHY, Jr.

The American Legion General Leonard E. Wood Post 162 Hillsdale is very proud to announce the selection of twenty two year Legionnaire member, Alfred J. Murphy Jr. to be the Grand Marshall for the 2008 Hillsdale Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2008. The parade theme is, “They died with Pride and Honor.”

with Regis Philbin he commuted to Seton Hall University, graduating in June 1954 with a BS degree in Economics. He was drafted into the U. S. Army in July and after Boot Camp at Fort Dix he was assigned to the Army Signal Corps School in Camp Gordon, Georgia.

sion in Hanau am Main, Germany. Much of his duty time was spent on field maneuvers bouncing around in the back of a Jeep or a three-quarter ton truck and sleeping in pup tents in the German forests as the armed forces in Europe were continually in a training mode due to the “Cold War” tensions that existed between America and Russia. When not on maneuvers he helped man the Headquarters radio room which was operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

He completed his training as a High Speed Morse Code Radio Operator and was assigned to Headquarters’ Company of Combat Engineers with the Third Army Infantry Divi-

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Legionnaire Murphy was born in New York City Bellevue Hospital and raised in the Tremont section of the Bronx. After graduating from Cardinal Hayes High School along

increase our ‘Veterans’ Programs this year.

which will include a Wii.

Last year we ran Bingo for more than 50 players at the Paramus Veterans Home about every month and gave prizes of a couple hundred dollars per evening and provided refreshments . We can increase that now!

Many THANKS to the many members who were able to donate their time to these projects and THANKS to local stores: Kings, Shoprite, Bensi, Blockbuster, Walgreens, Bottle King, Ronnie’s Bagels, A&P , Butterworth’s Bagels and NVR-OT H.S. for allowing us to set-up by their entrances to offer Poppies and collect donations.

We also donated A 52” ‘LCD’ TV for one of the activity rooms

Poppy Drive

A HUGE THANK YOU to the citizens of Hillsdale and surrounding communities for their generous donations to our annual “Poppy Drive”.

Post 162 Legionnaires handed out 8,000 Poppies and received better than \$1.00 average per Poppy! This means that we can



THEME:
**“They Died With Pride
And Honor”**

Memorial Day Poster Contest Winners

Grade 4

Ann Blanche Smith School74 entries.....

FIRST PLACE ~ JOSEPH COLASUONO

Honorable Mention ~ **ASHLEY KASPERAVICH**

Honorable Mention ~ **KEVIN WANG**

Meadowbrook School65 entries.....

FIRST PLACE ~ EMILY R. PANNO

Honorable Mention ~ **AMBER ARBEGAST**

Honorable Mention ~ **CHRISTIAN QUIJANO**

St. John's Academy51 entries.....

FIRST PLACE ~ NIKKI LATTARULO

Honorable Mention ~ **JOSEPH CHIZMADIA**

Honorable Mention ~ **DYLAN SONZOGHI**

Grade 5

George G. White School44 entries.....

FIRST PLACE ~ CAITLIN O'BRIEN

Honorable Mention ~ **EMILY JOHANSEN**

Honorable Mention ~ **SAMI ULIN**

St. John's Academy35 entries.....

FIRST PLACE ~ KAITLYN TURNER

Honorable Mention ~ **GREG COLLIER**

Honorable Mention ~ **ARMOND JACKSON**

Memorial Day Essay / Poem Contest Winners

THEME:
"They Died With Pride
And Honor"

Grade 6 George G. White School.....175 entries.....

First Place ~ **KIMBERLY BREITENBACH**

Honorable Mention ~ **SYDNEY RUSH**

Honorable Mention ~ **ALICE URBIEL**

St. John's Academy.....49 entries.....

First Place ~ **STEF-HANA SOPELSA**

Honorable Mention ~ **GIANA DIRICO**

Honorable Mention ~ **MEGAN ZARUCHA**

Grade 7 George G. White School.....87 entries.....

First Place ~ **HALLEY GRADUS**

Honorable Mention ~ **KIM WANG**

Honorable Mention ~ **SAMANTHA BANSIL**

St. John's Academy.....49 entries.....

First Place ~ **CHRISTINA CAROLLO**

Honorable Mention ~ **MIYAKO ASCOLESE**

Honorable Mention ~ **CHRISTOPHER SACHS**

Grade 8 George G. White School.....125 entries.....

First Place ~ **JORDAN POLLACK**

Honorable Mention ~ **DANIEL RESSLER**

Honorable Mention ~ **MICHAEL SHAFRAN**

St. John's Academy.....47 entries.....

First Place ~ **ANGELA SCORESE**

Honorable Mention ~ **BRIDGET MARKHAM**

Honorable Mention ~ **ALISON SCORESE**

Grand Marshal

Germany was recovering from the terrible destruction that was wreaked upon the country and there was much evidence of the damage that was inflicted in the course of World War II.

Upon his release into the inactive reserve he commuted from the Bronx to work for New Jersey Bell Telephone Company as a lineman helping to construct the pole and cable lines that were being placed into service for the new home growth that was taking place here in Bergen County. After getting married to his late wife Marge, they went house hunting since they had to move out of their apartment in Cliffside Park. The real estate agent showed them a small Cape Code house in Hillsdale, and with the help of a G.I Bill mortgage they became proud home owners who wondered, like so many others, how they would ever meet the monthly payments. They started to raise a family which ultimately led to the desire to have a bigger house that could accommodate their family so they moved up the block into a new house just around the corner. Al still lives there with his youngest daughter while the other four children have married and moved into their own homes with Al's eight grandchildren.



Serviceman Al Murphy with his truck

During all this time Murphy took advantage of the G.I. Bill again to earn an M.B.A degree in Management from Seton Hall University. With that achievement behind him he became more involved in the local political scene getting elected to the Hillsdale Council, serving nine years over the span of some eleven years or so, and then on to being elected Mayor for another eight years. Next he was elected to the Local School Board, serving ten years and another six years on the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education. He was just elected for another three years on the Regional board.

He is Vice Chairman of Local 47 Draft Board and in his fortieth year as an EMT on the Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service. He retired from Verizon Communications in 1992 and recently finished a second career in the automobile parts business. Murphy's life history is like that of many veterans who will march in Memorial Day parades and remembrances throughout this great country of ours.

“As he leads the vets marching past you,” Commander Zoltan Horvath said,” remember they represent all the American service men and women who:

“Died with Pride and Honor.”



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